

## IN THE CLAIMS

The Claims as they currently stand are presented below.

1. (Currently amended) A putter comprising:  
a shaft having a grip disposed at an upper end;  
a putter head disposed at a lower end of the shaft that comprises:  
a single, solid, unitary body having a front surface with a relatively small, centrally-  
5 located, flat ball contact surface that extends the full height of the body and that comprises a  
sweet spot of the putter head and lateral portions that taper rearwardly away from the ball  
contact surface, a base extending toward a rear end of the body, and a cavity formed behind the  
ball contact surface and lateral portions and above the base.
2. (Original) The putter recited in Claim 1 wherein the shaft is straight.
3. (Original) The putter recited in Claim 1 wherein the shaft has an offset.
4. (Original) The putter recited in Claim 1 wherein the body has a trapezoidal shape.
5. (Original) The putter recited in Claim 1 wherein the lateral portions of the front  
surface are flat surfaces.
6. (Original) The putter recited in Claim 1 wherein the lateral portions of the front  
surface are curved surfaces.
7. (Original) The putter recited in Claim 1 wherein the putter head has a flat base with  
relatively thick lateral ends, one of which has an opening therein into which the shaft is inserted.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Currently amended) In a putter having a shaft with a grip disposed at an upper end  
and a putter head disposed at a lower end, wherein the putter head comprises:  
a single, solid, unitary body having a front surface with a relatively small, centrally-  
located, flat ball contact surface that extends the full height of the body and that comprises a  
5 sweet spot of the putter head and lateral portions that taper rearwardly away from the ball  
contact surface, a base extending toward a rear end of the body, and a cavity formed behind the  
ball contact surface and lateral portions and above the base.
10. (Original) The putter head recited in Claim 9 wherein the shaft is straight.

11. (Original) The putter head recited in Claim 9 wherein the shaft has an offset.

12. (Original) The putter head recited in Claim 9 wherein the body has a trapezoidal shape.

13. (Original) The putter head recited in Claim 9 wherein the lateral portions of the front surface are flat surfaces.

14. (Original) The putter head recited in Claim 9 wherein the lateral portions of the front surface are curved surfaces.

15. (Original) The putter head recited in Claim 9 which has a flat base with relatively thick lateral ends, one of which has an opening therein into which the shaft is inserted.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A putter comprising:

a shaft having a grip disposed at an upper end;

a putter head disposed at a lower end of the shaft that comprises:

a single, solid, unitary body having a front surface with a relatively small, centrally-

5 located, flat ball contact surface that extends the full height of the body and that comprises a sweet spot of the putter head and lateral portions that taper rearwardly away from the ball contact surface from respective lateral edges of the ball contact surface to respective outer edges of the putter head, a base extending toward a rear end of the body, and a cavity formed behind the ball contact surface and lateral portions and above the base.

18. (New) A putter comprising:

a shaft having a grip disposed at an upper end;

a putter head disposed at a lower end of the shaft that comprises:

a single, solid, unitary body having a front surface with a relatively small, centrally-

5 located, flat ball contact surface extending substantially the full height of the body that comprises a sweet spot of the putter head that is about 5/8 to 1/2 inches in width and lateral portions that taper rearwardly away from the ball contact surface.

19. (New) A putter head comprising:

a single, solid, unitary body having a front surface with a relatively small, centrally-located, flat ball contact surface extending substantially the full height of the body that comprises a sweet spot of the putter head that is about 5/8 to 1/2 inches in width and lateral  
5 portions that taper rearwardly away from the ball contact surface.